

CITY OF BRAWLEY
July 5, 2011

The City Council of the City of Brawley, California met in a Regular Meeting at 6:00 PM, Council Chambers, 383 Main Street, Brawley, California, the date, time and place duly established for the holding of said meeting. The City Clerk attests to the posting of the agenda pursuant to G.C. §54954.2.

The meeting was called to order by *Mayor Campbell* at 6:00 PM

The invocation was offered by *Pastor Arturo Pesqueda, Victory Outreach*

The pledge of allegiance to our flag was led by *CM Couchman*

PRESENT: Campbell, Couchman, Kelley, Miranda, Nava
ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was *approved* as submitted. m/s/c Nava/Miranda 5-0

AYES: Campbell, Couchman, Kelley, Miranda, Nava
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

1. PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS There was none to report

2. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

LD Mello announced that the summer reading program has about 200 registered.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was *approved* as followed: m/s/c Nava/Couchman 5-0

AYES: Campbell, Couchman, Kelley, Miranda, Nava
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

- a. *Approval* of City Council Minutes April 25, May 3, and May 9, 2011.
- b. *Approval* of Accounts Payable Registers June 16, 2011.

- c. **Award** bid to George Mitchell Builder's Inc., for Project No. 2011-12 Re-Roofing of three (3) City Facilities for amount of \$200,007.33.
- d. **Approve** contract between the City of Brawley Community Redevelopment Agency and the City of Brawley Chamber of Commerce.
- e. **Reject** claim as recommended by Carl Warren & Company Insurance Management Claims Adjusters: **Mary J. Dillon**

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

a. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON SPEED BUMPS ALONG JULIA DRIVE

CM Kelley stated he asked to put this on the agenda for discussion and input and that he expected to see some residents from Julie Drive.

APC Rodriguez said the location was monitored for one (1) week and it was determined that the traffic volume there is not greater than any other residential street and radars cannot be placed there.

Mayor Campbell mentioned that he thinks some residents approached the developer to put speed bumps or stop signs.

ICM Gillmore stated that speed bumps are dangerous and create traffic collisions. I will be against efforts to install speed bumps.

PWD Arellano said that putting speed bumps along Julia Drive would divert traffic to Legion Road which will increase potential complaints from residents from tire noise and making it worse.

CM Nava asked if we can check in regards to adding striping or lanes? **Answer:** Sure we can look at that. (**Arellano**)

ICM Gillmore said there's potential ways to do as **CM Nava** mentioned there have been a lot of surveys done already.

CM Kelley stated that he will not expect to install bumps as on Willard.

PWD Arellano mentioned those are not bumps they are humps.

CM Kelley indicated that this discussion needs to go further and have residents involved.

PWD Arellano said she has concerns that Legion Road will have more traffic for emergency access.

CM Kelley again indicated that we need resident involvement.

CM Nava mentioned that we need to look at some other options with speed bumps or striping.

CM Couchman indicated that Julia Drive residents who have shown up in the past to voice their concerns about the speeding motorists represent only a portion of the people who live on the street and I don't think they want speed bumps placed there.

PWD Arellano said that certainly we can install signs.

CM Kelley stated that we should wait until residents get involved and get some kind of an agreement with them.

CM Miranda stated that Brawley is growing and traffic is trying to get out several ways of the City. The residents were more concerned about the development and not on traffic. If we get them involved then we will have residents from other areas in the City complaining too.

PWD Arellano mentioned that she will wait for direction from *ICM Gillmore*.

Mayor Campbell said let's wait for next meeting and let's contact residents in the area.

b. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON VOTING DELEGATE/ALTERNATE FOR 2011 ANNUAL LEAGUE OF CITIES CONFERENCE IN SAN FRANCISCO FROM SEPTEMBER 21-23, 2011.

Mayor Campbell stated that he believes *CM Nava* is the voting delegate.

CM Nava mentioned that he will attend conference if I am the voting delegate.

CM Couchman said he will need to check his calendar to see if can attend since he is the alternate.

The council *motioned* for *CM Nava* to attend the 2011 Annual League of Cities Conference from September 20-23, 2011 in San Francisco. m/s/c Miranda/Couchman 5-0

AYES:	Campbell, Couchman, Kelley, Miranda, Nava
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

c. UPDATE OF 2011 BY FIRE MARSHAL

Staff Report - Chuck Peraza, Fire Marshal

The inspections included the airport, weed abatement/safety hazards, plan checking and public safety presentation.

CM Miranda asked how much time do you give the resident or homeowner to clean up? **Answer:** 30 days. (**Peraza**)

d. UPDATE OF BUILDING DIVISION

Staff Report - Francisco Soto, Building Official

A power point presentation was shown that included building activity that included building construction valuation data, significant projects in 2011 and discussion on future projects.

CM Kelley asked if for Simbol Mining is the only obstacle APCD? **Answer:** Yes, we can go forward but waiting on APCD. Was there a timeline? **Answer:** Yes, but we don't know where we are at this point. (**Soto**)

CM Miranda asked so we are waiting on report from State or something like that? **Answer:** Yes, it has to do with lithium and it was a surprise that it was passed by County. (**Soto**)

ICM Gillmore just wanted to mention that National Beef is in good condition and moving forward on that too.

e. UPDATE OF CODE ENFORCEMENT.

Staff Report - Rick Berland, Code Enforcement Officer

A power point was presented regarding Abandon Vehicle Abatement Program that began in September of 2010. This resulted in 214 abandoned vehicles being removed out of a total of 233 vehicles, 15 were repaired and 4 properties in Brawley received notices.

CM Miranda stated that he had a question on oldie cars. A '62 or '65 vehicle was parked in a visual area and got a citation, the resident was told to put up a fence, he did so and then he was told he needed to remove the vehicle. Can that be done? **Answer:** Those vehicles are not exempted, classic cars have to be 25 years or older and have to be stored inside a building or garage. We gave him more time and told him to register the vehicles. We will work with them and try not to tow vehicles we are not opposed to not work with residents. (**Breland**)

CM Nava asked in respect to RV's how is that going? **Answer:** 2 weeks ago we created a spread sheet and camp up with 105 within the City. The police department posted the vehicles with current ordinance and since then 90% have complied. We have towed a couple and are working with residents. (**Gillmore**)

CM Nava asked if that included travel trailers? **Answer:** Yes, all trailers and RV's. (**Gillmore**)

CM Kelley congratulated both Mr. Breland and Mr. Peraza for working well together.

f. UPDATE ON CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ACTION ON RELINQUISHMENTS.

Staff Report - Yazmin Arellano, Public Works Director

Mayor Campbell stated that basically the city is going to do the maintenance? **Answer:** Yes (*Arellano*)

5. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

- a. *CM Miranda* mentioned that he attended the 4th of July celebration at Gonzales Park and went to IVC to see the Fire Works.
- b. *Mayor Campbell* stated he had nothing to report but would like to setup something for an Economic Development Statistic Planning Workshop with the Enterprise Zone, Brawley Chamber of Commerce, City Staff and City Council. We need to see how the schedule looks like for everybody and tentatively looking at setting a workshop for July 12th @ 6:00pm at the Aspen in the Desert.

CM Couchman indicated that is too short if a time. We need to schedule in about 2 weeks.

Mayor Campbell said he was trying to schedule the workshop before the next council meeting but we can look into July 26th.

ICM Gillmore said he will look at scheduling it and I will work with Teresa.

BCED Hull said he was here to step in for the Chamber and Enterprise Zone, just let us know when so we can have our board attend.

Mayor Campbell said that *ICM Gillmore* and *Ms. Santiago* will look into tentatively scheduling a workshop for July 26th.

6. CITY MANAGER REPORT There was none to report

7. ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION

REPORT OF ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION, IF ANY, BY CITY ATTORNEY.

None to report

ADJOURNMENT @ 7:25 PM

Lorena Savala